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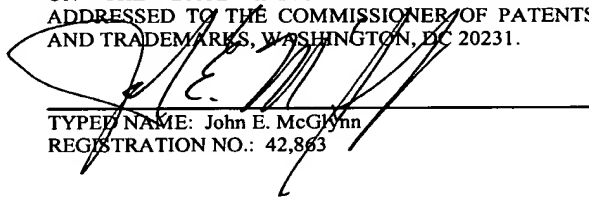
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This is in response to the Official Action dated November 1, 2002, issued in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 55 and 56 to appear as follows:

<sup>15</sup>  
~~55~~. (amended) A photonic device comprising:

at least a first waveguide and a second waveguide, wherein one of said first

waveguide and said second waveguide comprise a lateral taper for guiding light between said

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